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KINGSTON, JAMAICA-- JULY 26--THE FOURTY FOUR ASIAN, CARIBBEAN  
AND PACIFIC COUNTRIES RETURNED TO A JOINT SESSION TODAY WITH THE NINE  
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EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY NATIONS AFTER CAUCAUSING ALL AFTERNOON

AND EVENING THURSDAY

A JOINT MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY AFTERNOON WAS CALLED OFF AT THE LAST MINUTE TO PERMIT FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF ACP DEMANDS AND EEC COUNTEROFFERS

ACP DELEGATES GENERALLY WERE GLOOMY TODAY, WITH INDICATIONS THAT THE EEC COUNTRIES WERE PREPARED ONLY TO DISCUSS POLITICAL QUESTIONS, LEAVING

DETAILS TO TECHNICIANS DURING FUTURE MEETINGS. THERE WERE ALSO INDICATIONS

THAT THE EEC DELEGATES WERE OVERWHELMED WITH THE ACP DEMANDS. ONE EEC AMBASSADOR MADE THE OFF THE RECORD COMMENT THAT, IF ALL DEMANDS WERE MET EUROPEAN INDUSTRIES AND FARMS COULD NOT SURVIVE.

IN ADDITION TO ASKING FOR FREE ACCESS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND MANUFACTURED GOODS INTO EEC COUNTRIES, ACP PRESIDING OFFICER BACABAR BA, SENEGAL'S MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, CALLED FOR INCREASING AID FROM \$2.5 BILLION (US) ANNUALLY TO \$8 BILLION

IN 1975. THE AID SHOULD BE INCREASED ANNUALLY, HE SAID, TO ACCOUNT FOR A 2.5 PERCENT INCREASE IN POPULATION IN THE ACP COUNTRIES AND TO COVER AN ESTIMATED 10 PERCENT ANNUAL RATE OF INFLATION

SOME ACP DELEGATES SAW A RAY OF HOPE, HOWEVER, WITH WHAT THEY FELT WERE "DEFINITE INDICATIONS" THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WOULD ACCEPT THE ACP PROPOSAL TO IMPORT 1.4 MILLION TONS ANNUALLY OF COMMONWEALTH SUGAR.

PERHAPS THE MOST PESSIMISTIC VOICE HEARD TODAY WAS THAT OF SONNY RAMPHAL, GUYANA'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER, WHO SAID THAT THE EUROPEAN

POSITION THUS FAR HAS "ONLY SCRATCHED THE SURFACE AND THAT THE GROUP OF 44

FEELS THE MEETING COULD NOT COME TO GRIPS WITH ESSENTIALS."

"THE COMMUNITY'S STATEMENT WAS MOST DISAPPOINTING AND DID NOT ADVANCE THE EEC POSITION," MR. RAMPHAS SAID

OTHERS TOOK A CALMER STANCE, THOUGH, WITH NIGERIA'S HEAD OF DELEGATION, UNCLASSIFIED

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GATION, FEDERAL COMMISSIONER FOR TRADE WENIKE BRIGGS, TAKING THE LONG-RANGE VIEW THAT THE UNITY VISIBLE IN KINGSTON AMONG THE ACP DELEGATES WOULD SERVE THE ENTIRE DEVELOPING WORLD BOTH HERE AND NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

"OUR UNITY HAS TRANSCENDED BARRIERS OF LANGUAGE, CULTURE, SIZE, POPULATION, WEALTH, SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT AND THE LIKE. OUR COMMON

DESTINY HAS DICTATED OUR COMMON UNITY. WE NOW PURSUE A UNITED  
SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS TO OUR COMMON PROBLEMS.

"WE HOPE THAT EVEN IF NOTHING EMERGES AT ALL AT THIS MEETING, WHICH  
I DO NOT FOR ONE MOMENT ANTICIPATE, AT LEAST WE HOPE TO ARRIVE AT AN  
ARRANGEMENT WHICH I BELIEVE WOULD BE BETTER THAN THE ARUSHA AND  
YAOUNDE AGREEMENTS," MR. BRIGGS SAID.

THE MEETINGS WERE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO CONCLUDE THIS EVENING,  
WITH THE DRAFTING OF A FINAL COMMUNIQUE THE ONLY REMAINING BUSINESS  
FOR SATURDAY MORNING. HOWEVER, SOME DELEGATES BELIEVE THERE MAY  
BE ANOTHER JOINT MEETING SATURDAY IF THESE ARE ISSUES CLOSE TO  
SOLUTION  
WHICH MIGHT BE RESOLVED THROUGH FURTHER DISCUSSION. JOHNSON  
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